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**Subject:** RE: ICL Petition re SRHC TMDL  
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Leigh,

Pardon my delay in responding.

No, do not recall this petition. Did forward your e-mail on to Barry, as I knew we were poised to issue a draft 401 cert on the Hells Canyon Project. Barry's response was the DEQ would review the Snake River Hells Canyon TMDL once the HCC 401 cert is finalized. We have had no recent discussions on this matter with ODEQ. Also, IPC has contested the SRHC TMDL with ODEQ. That action is currently stayed, likely until the 401 cert is finalized and to IPC's satisfaction.

So I guess you can say it's on our radar, but there is no set schedule, just finalize 401 cert first then revisit TMDL.

Hope that helps, happy to discuss if you would like.

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**To:** Don Essig; Mark Shumar

**Subject:** FW: ICL Petition re SRHC TMDL

Don and Mark,

Don't know if you recall this petition from ICL requesting that EPA disapprove the SRHC TMDL, see attached. At the time I had asked whether DEQ would be inclined to revisit, revise the TMDL with ODEQ. The only feedback I received (that I can tell) is from Marti, see below.

We have not fully responded to the request and it has come up again, so I would like to again ask whether the State would be inclined at this point to review the TMDL (e.g. 5 yr review), given the age of the TMDL, new information regarding river conditions, etc. Would be glad to chat with you about it if that makes sense. Thanks for giving this some thought.

Leigh

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Leigh: I don't know if anyone has responded to this email or not. I would say that the request by ICL seems premature because the success of the SR-HC TMDL is predicated on implementing the Lower Boise TMDL, which is slated to go to public comment very soon, and once approved by EPA, and

implemented, should substantially reduce pollutants e.g. total phosphorus, from entering the Snake River and the Hells Canyon reach. The lower Boise is the source of about 80% of the needed reductions. I see no reason to revise the TMDL at this time. There is no problem with the TMDL allocations per se. I have not identified staff available to conduct such a revision and until the measures on the Lower Boise are implemented it seems premature. Our next large scale project for the Boise Regional Office is the temperature TMDL for the Lower Boise.

I'm sure Barry, Doug and Michael have other thoughts on the request by ICL.

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I assume by now you have seen this? Do you have any interest in working with ODEQ on a TMDL review/revision?

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